

**MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FORM**

NR Eligible: yes ☐
no ☐

Property Name: West Hills ~~District~~ Survey District Inventory Number: B-5098
Address: Roughly bounded by Cook's La., Baltimore National Pike, and
Baltimore city boundary Historic district: X yes ☐ no ☐
City: Baltimore Zip Code: 21229 County: Baltimore City
USGS Quadrangle(s): Baltimore West
Property Owner: various Tax Account ID Number: n/a
Tax Map Parcel Number(s): _____ Tax Map Number: 28
Project: Red Line Corridor Transit Study Agency: Mass Transit Administration
Agency Prepared By: John Milner Associates, Inc.
Preparer's Name: Katherine Larson Farnham Date Prepared: 8/2/2005
Documentation is presented in: Maryland real property tax records
Preparer's Eligibility Recommendation: _____ Eligibility recommended X Eligibility not recommended
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G
Complete if the property is a contributing or non-contributing resource to a NR district/property:
Name of the District/Property: _____
Inventory Number: _____ Eligible: _____ yes ☐ Listed: _____ yes ☐
Site visit by MHT Staff yes X no ☐ Name: _____ Date: _____

Description of Property and Justification: *(Please attach map and photo)*

The West Hills residential neighborhood occupies a large swath of land west of Cook's Lane and north of Baltimore National Pike. It has gently curved streets arranged in an asymmetrical grid pattern and lined with trees. The houses have small front lawns and some have rear alley access with detached garages. A small park, West Hills Park, straddles the city line at the western edge of the neighborhood. Most homes in the neighborhood are row houses, with a handful of duplexes in the area along Baltimore National Pike. There are a few churches at the edges of the neighborhood and the West Hills Square garden apartment complex along Cook's Lane, but there are no commercial or public buildings otherwise. The houses are clustered in groups of two to nine. All are two-story brick houses with moderate-height foundations and full basements, and are predominantly of Colonial Revival style. A typical house is two bays wide, with a Colonial Revival door surround or, in a minority of rows, a shed-roofed or front-gabled wooden porch. Porch rooflines typically echo the rooflines of the main roof. Other roof variations include hipped, front-gabled, mansard-front, and shed. Some clusters have one uniform roofline, but more commonly the rows have symmetrically-arranged variations in the rooflines. Front-gabled rooflines, often sheltering two units, are typically centered within the row, with the remainder of the row featuring side-gabled or hipped roofs. Other variations include gable-front single houses anchoring the ends of a row. Gable-fronts are typically ornamented with an oculus or demilunette vent. Houses situated along a slope are

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MHT Comments: context lacking

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Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services

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Reviewer, National Register Program

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erraced. Typically, the houses have alternating floor plans, with the front doors alternating from left to right along each row. Some rows have shared front stoops or porches for adjacent sets of doors. Some original wooden door surrounds are extant, with side pilasters and either a flat lintel or pediment. More common are door surrounds covered with formstone which echo the outline of a pedimented front door. These surrounds are usually gabled, with keystones in the formstone over the doorway. Some have a segmental arch profile, and a few of the gabled surrounds have eagle ornaments in the peak. First-floor front windows are another area with some variation, including paired windows and bay windows. Bay windows typically have curved standing-seam roofs. In a few rows, the bay window and front door are sheltered by an oblong curved standing-seam metal roof similar to a pent roof. The end units of each row are three bays deep and usually have a basement-level entrance on the side. The houses appear to follow a modernized version of a six-room "daylighter" floor plan. They are two rooms deep with a living room and dining room on one side, and the kitchen located behind the stair hall. Upstairs are three bedrooms and a bathroom tucked between the front and rear rooms.

West Hills was built in the early 1950s, at a time when Baltimore's population was shifting and expanding in the wake of World War II. As the automobile proliferated, the suburbs were expanding into formerly rural countryside, including the area along Cook's Lane, west of the older suburbs of Hunting Ridge and Ten Hills. Suburbs developed both within the city limits and in Baltimore County. Large new rowhouse neighborhoods like West Hills and nearby West Edmondale/Edmondson Heights imposed an urban house form on suburban neighborhoods, but in doing so made suburbia affordable for the working class.

When built, these houses had wooden six-over-six windows or steel multipane casement windows, and some had Spanish tile roofs. The majority now have asphalt-shingled roofs and vinyl replacement windows. The overall setting and other aspects of integrity are largely intact. These houses are mass-produced and though attractive and well-kept, are not distinctive. The neighborhood does not reflect any particular trend in neighborhood or town planning, and is one of many neighborhoods of this age and type. The West Hills District is recommended not eligible for the NRHP.

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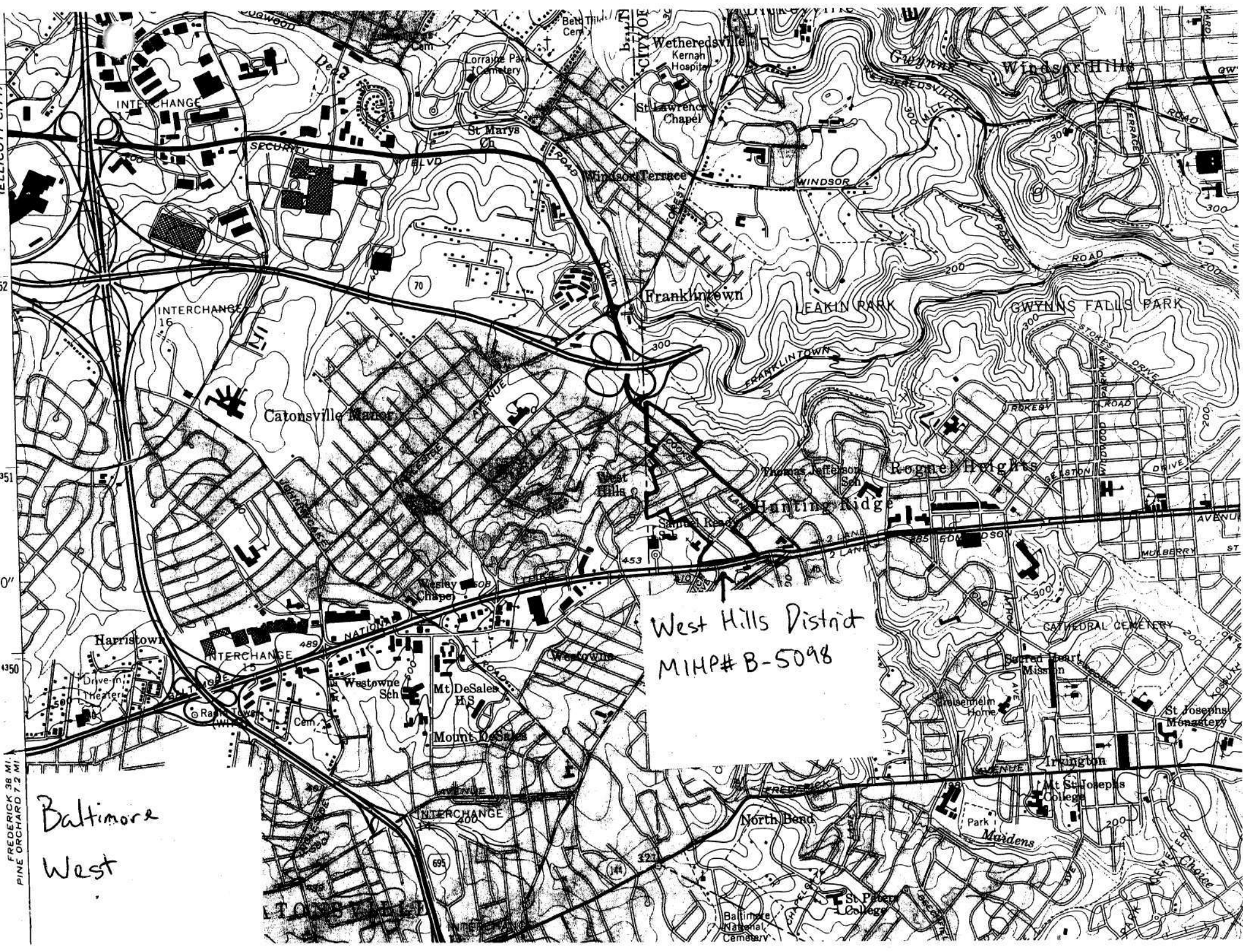
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